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A Merry Christmas to One and All

and a VICTORIOUS New Year!

Male Chorus Is Formed

A group of Sprague employees met at the Richmond Hotel on December 15, for the purpose of forming a male chorus. The group elected a temporary Committee composed of Robert Shoemaker, Laurence Haskins, Paul Belanger and Arthur Bell, to carry on the affairs of this group until a more permanent organization is formed. The Committee wishes to invite all men of the Sprague Company who are interested in singing and enjoy music to participate, in this choral group, for the mutual benefit of all. With favorable response to such an organization, the Committee is planning to give two concerts a year. Any man interested, is urged to contact the above mentioned Committee before the January meeting is held.

Slogan Winners For November

Slogan awards went to the following employees for the best slogans submitted and judged, in the November Slogan Contest. Mrs. Clotilde Astorino was winner for the Brown Street plant; Mr. John Garner for the Marshall Street plant, and Mr. C. B. Fairchild for the Beaver Street plant.

A Christmas Message to You

THIS YEAR,—more than ever before,—I wish you each and every one a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. This year,—hardly a home but has one or more of its near and dear ones in the armed forces. And this Christmastide most of these loved ones are far from home, or overseas, or near the fighting front,—perhaps even as you read this message. . . they are engaging the enemy in battle! And even as they fight they know that it is Christmas here at home!

Out of respect, and in honor for their childhood memories of Christmas at home, let us make it this year more than ever. . . a Merry, Merry Christmas! . . . This year, let us keep alive and brightly burning the spirit of Christmas. . . Merry and gay as the spirit of little children,—Reverent in its deeper meaning,—prayerful for our sons and daughters in service.

It has been a difficult year — for all of us — but with your help and cooperation it has been a successful year in meeting the requirements of war production assigned to us. . . In the year ahead I trust that we of the Sprague Specialties organization — all of us — may continue to go forward "Working Together for Victory."

In that hope — and with the renewal of our pledge to give our maximum production to the armed forces — I look confidently to the New Year. . . And if that new Year, in spite of hardship, sorrow, tears, sacrifice and disappointment — shall bring us nearer to that complete Victory and that Perfect Peace. . . THEN it can indeed be called a Happy Year!

And so, again,—with that pledge and with that hope — I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

R. C. Sprague
PRES.

Sprague Christmas and Benefit Fund Completes Six Years Report For 1943

As you know, the purpose of this organization is the assistance and encouragement of Sprague employees and their families — both here on the production line, and overseas at war — those who have suffered sickness and hardship at home, and those who are carrying our cause against the enemy.

For the past six years, the Committee has produced a benefit performance, the proceeds of which have gone into its general fund. Distribution of these monies to employees whose names have been submitted for consideration, is controlled by the whole Committee. As usual, this year, Christmas baskets were assembled for families, who in the judgment of the Committee, would not be able otherwise to enjoy the Spirit of the day.

Other cases of special hardship—sickness or loss of property by fire or flood—are considered each year. These also are voted upon by the Committee and assistance offered on the merits of each case.

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Review of The Radio Log

The radio program for December 14th was featured by a talk by Mr. Stanley Denoyan about the Company's Credit Union. Mr. Denoyan spoke convincingly about the rapid growth of the Credit Union, the service it extends to its members, its sound financial standing, and urged Sprague employees to make use of its facilities, but not to misuse them. Our very able Hostess-of-the-Day was Mrs. Ruth Haskins of the Marshall Street Plant. Mr. Ray Calvi of Beaver Plant was the Star Reporter who introduced Pvt. Francis Messina a former worker home on furlough. Mrs. Elaine Bressette sang beautifully, "White Christmas", to which she responded with an encore. Miss Doris Sanford accompanied her. A slogan winner from the Marshall

Street Plant, Mr. Red Garner, and Mrs. Mary Sullivan, reading an original poem, were featured on this program.

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Christmas Carols On Dec. 21st Program

With true Christmas spirit, the participants of the December 21st program made this broadcast one of the highlights of this series. With an audience numbering well over a hundred, with many children taking part, all joined in singing Christmas Carols with enthusiasm. A timely feature was the Christmas message from Mr. R. C. Sprague, which, broadcast through Station W.B.R.K., reached not only listeners in the North Adams community, but the entire Berkshire area.

Mr. Charles Martin to Speak On Dec. 28 Radio Program

The guest speaker on the Sprague Radio Log's last 1943 program is to be Mr. Charles Martin, Comptroller of the Sprague Specialties Company. Besides music in the Christmas mood, it is hoped to mark the holiday homecoming of as many Sprague workers who are now in the Service as possible, by having them with us on the program for that day.

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Save That Ship! . . . Zip That Lip!



A Young Sailor
Five year old William McConnell, son of Grace McConnell of Paper Assembly.



Winter in the Beautiful Berkshires -- A view from the Employment Office window.

"Of the Employees,- by the Employees,- for the Employees."



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"Every Sprague Worker an Assistant Reporter."

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"There'll Always Be A Christmas!"

Christmas is one of the many things we are fighting and working for. To millions of people all over the earth, life without Christmas... without its memories of childhood days, of parents, brothers, sisters, gifts and giving,—life without Christmas would lose its meaning.

As we work and strive to give our maximum effort to our war work this coming year, let us keep Christmas in our minds and in our hearts. If, as we say, we are determined to win the peace as well as the war,—let us keep in mind the origin and the meaning of Christmas... so simple and yet so difficult to attain... "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men."

Report of Sprague Christmas Benefit Fund

All Sprague employees know the work of the Committee in the distribution of cigarettes to servicemen overseas. Weekly, the official boxes are set up in each department in our three plants for voluntary contributions. The response has been most heartening! So much so that we have shipped over 1,300,000 cigarettes overseas.

Letters, bulletins, communications and collection boxes issued by The Sprague Christmas and Benefit Fund Committee are now easily identified by a gummed label which is always attached and dated and signed by some authorized member of the committee.

In presenting this report, we wish to thank most sincerely all of you who have helped our cause by your hard work and your generous contributions.

And we wish to send all Sprague employees — wherever they may be — a Merry Christmas and a Victorious New Year!

Financial Report of Minstrel 1943

Amount collected from sale of tickets	\$ 1,122.13
Expenses	
Music	\$ 8.56
Royalty on play	10.00
Janitor	21.00

Policemen	10.00
Fireman	6.00
Tambourines (2)	4.10
Costumes for play and minstrel	26.70
Printing—tickets	16.55
Professional Services	85.00
Party for Cast Nov. 19, '43	45.00
Flowers	25.10
Rental of suits for men	24.50
Tax on admissions	93.52
Lamps for lighting effects	7.94
Amplifier system	10.00
Pictures	2.00

Incidentals: Cosmetics, transportation of bleachers, copies of play, etc.	17.87
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	\$ 413.84
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Balance deposited for Sprague Christmas & Benefit Fund	\$ 708.29
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Mr. Kalker of Sprague Products donated programs.

Respectfully submitted:

Sprague Christmas and Benefit Fund Committee

F. E. Fitzgerald	Charlotte Trotter
Etta Owen	William Jette
Raymond Mahar	Laurence Haskins
Roy Trotter	Frances Partenope
Fred Windover	Katherine Corsi
	Mary Fachini

November Slogan Winners

As promised in the last issue of the LOG, we are printing the 25 best slogans selected from those submitted in November. The November crop was a bumper crop, and took considerable weeding to cull it down to the best twenty-five. Here they are. After the publication of the December winners, all LOG readers will have a chance to act as judges and pick their own favorites.

Members of Sprague's employ
Help in victories our boys enjoy.

—John (Red) Garner

Remember Pearl Harbor — Sprague's do!

—Jas. Wm. Wright

Sprague's Products Put the Punch in
Powerful, Precision Bombing.

—Earl Williams

Sprague's Army and Navy "E" symbolizes
Excellence in War Production.

—Frances Zaloga

With Star Spangled Rhythm
Sprague's machines work with 'em.

—Vickie Candiloro

Spragueites... one and all... join the call... for Victory!

—Betty Holt Bourdon

Come on, let's go!

To beat the foe... at Sprague's.

—Valeda Daoust

The Axis fear

Their doom near --

Scaled in Sprague condensers.

—Clotilde Astorino

Sprague's production flowing fast --

Assures our enemies THEY cannot last.

—Joey Crescimbeni

With Sprague's in the lead --

How can the enemy succeed?

—Mrs. Maud Roy

We're sure to win

If all pitch in -- at Sprague's.

—Clotilde Astorino

Let Sprague Production Roll --

On to Victory is our goal.

—Mary Vanuni

Sprague workers are teamed

To keep Victory on the beam.

—Mary Lepera

Accidents, roll out destruction --

Safety, rolls out Production -- "Spragues."

—Kay Corsi

The Sprague way --

Production today -- Victory tomorrow.

—Clotilde Astorino

Sprague's products -- on time

Help to smash the Axis line.

—John (Red) Garner

Sprague's devices in our planes

Give the Axis many pains.

—John (Red) Garner

Victory for the Allies

With Sprague's Supplies.

—Esmonde Manson

Sprague Products out to win --

Watch out! Tokyo and Berlin!

—Michael Cirulla

Sprague's workers on the job

Will mop up Hitler's mob.

—Eldor Brazeau

Sprague condensers are the best --

At Tokyo they stood the test.

—Rita DiSanti

Less "Ease" -- More "E's" -- at Sprague's.

—Chas. B. Fairchild

Sprague's can earn another star --

Keeping Production up to par.

—Doris Finlayson

Wear the "E" with pride,

Sprague production can turn the tide.

—Doris Finlayson

Fighting Fronts -- near and far

Need Sprague's radio and radar.

—Chas. B. Fairchild

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Recent Suggestion Award Winners

Irene O'Dell of Industrial Oil Finishing, Norman Miller of Maintenance, Joseph Benoit and Dominick Pisano—Truck, Regina Gagne of Dry Test, Mertes Barton of Mica and Francis Brassard of Paper Rolling have been given prizes for suggestions offered within recent months.

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MOST ACCIDENTS HAPPEN TO FOLKS WHO NEVER HAD ONE BEFORE



Opportunity to Earn High School Credits

North Adams Evening School To Start January 3, 1944

Courses have been planned to fill the present day needs of those interested, and the opportunity to secure credits is offered to the many young men and women now in industry who would like to complete their high school education.

Fifteen Courses To Be Offered At Drury High School

List of Courses to be offered if ten or more register:

Physics
Household Arts
(a) Cooking
(b) Sewing
Conversational Spanish
Income Tax and The Procedure
Elements of Aeronautics
Mechanical Drawing
Blue Print Reading
Mathematics—Algebra & Trigonometry
Principles of Automotive Mechanics
Typewriting
Business Arithmetic
High School English
Bookkeeping
Americanization
Continuation

These courses are to run from 7 o'clock to 9 o'clock. If you are interested you may register in Room 10, Drury High School or call 790-W.

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To the Editor of the Sprague Log:

This letter is a warning! It has to do with chewing gum—or rather—gum chewing. You know there's a right and wrong way to chew gum and if you break the rules you are in the same boat as the man who fails to send a Christmas card to his mother-in-law.

According to Hepzibah Stretch-garter's new volume, "What Every Girl Shouldn't Know", or "Down the Home Stretch of Gum-Chewing", there are the following approved and unapproved methods:

APPROVED: 1—"The Tuck-Away Method"—This is a very good method in which the new stick is chewed violently for a few seconds until it forms a soft, round ball which is then deposited between the gums and cheek, where it remains until the chewer feels the jagg for a little violent jaw exercise which can be done behind a powder puff or in the crowded privacy of the "Ladies Room". 2—"The Slow-Roll Method"—This is the most refined yet satisfying system of all in which the cud is slowly and gently squashed between the molars and then lifted gently across the mouth by the tongue and deposited on the lower left molars and gently squashed again—and so on—back and forth! The time taken to transfer the cud from one side to the other prevents "Stenographer's snap" and slows up the chewing generally.

UNAPPROVED: 1—"La Conga"—This horrible exhibition is carried on by those who are nervous and yet "got rhythm". It goes like this: chew, chew, chew-snap! chew, chew, chew-snap! chew, chew, chew-snap! — and so on until everyone near the chewer forms a "conga chain". 2—"Locomotive Piston"—The locomotive-piston-chewer is unwittingly filling our insane asylums. The chewer, like the locomotive, starts slowly and increases the tempo (ad the noise) until the whole body shakes and trembles. The results are almost invariably the same — the ears fly off first and then the whole body shakes to pieces; the chewer (and any unfortunate on-looker) is carried away in a straight-jacket. Gum chewers take note!

(signed)

M. T. Noggin



Merry Christmas

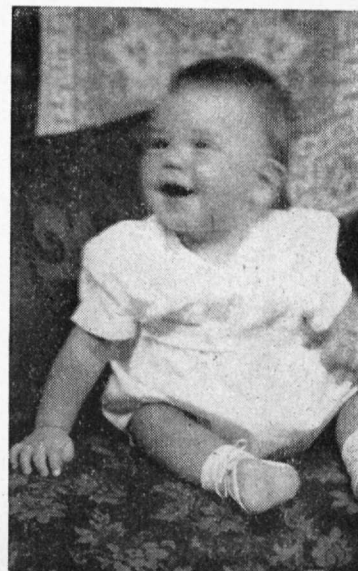
Special Children's Picture Section - - Sprague Victory Log

December 25, 1943

The Editors of the LOG dedicate this picture section to the children. Our earliest memories of Christmas go back to our own childhood days. As we grow older, our fondest recollections of Christmas are still those scenes in which the happy central figures are little children. To all the children of the Sprague Specialties Family -- a very merry Christmas!



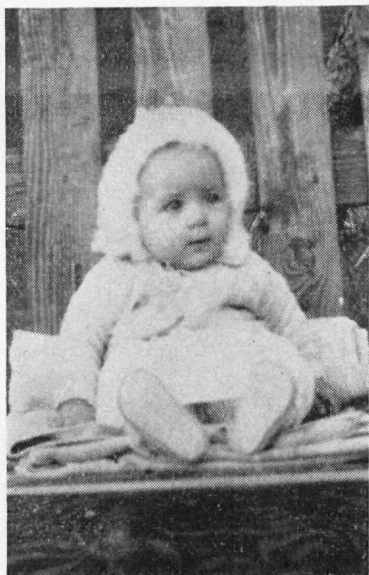
To Robert E. Filiault, son of Emile, of Sample -- a Merry Christmas!



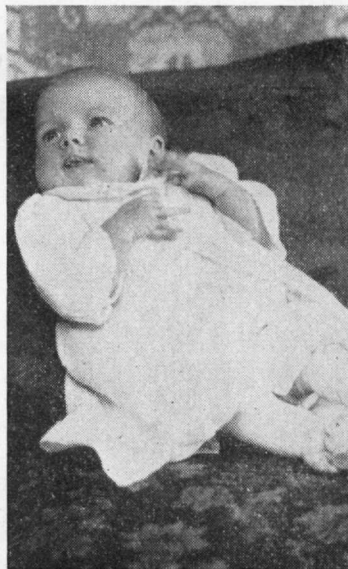
To David, son of Yvonne Simon formerly of Paper Rolling -- Merry Christmas!



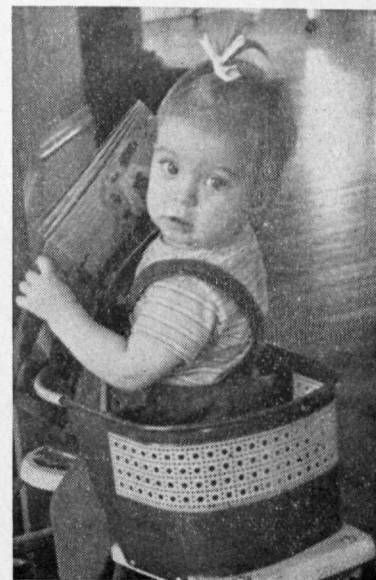
Danny Dobbert, son of Jane of Paper Assembly -- a Merry Christmas!



To Clare Ann Bassie, sister of Josephine of Dry Test -- a Merry Christmas!



To Sandra Joyce Maynard, whose father Walter is Receiving Clerk at Brown St., we wish a Merry Christmas!



Wishing Barbara Grace Taylor, daughter of Wallace of P.T., Mica-- a Merry Christmas!

Let us keep bright the spirit of Christmas for those brave men and women away from home and overseas in the Armed Forces, fighting so that Peace may come again on earth, -- and so that these children, -- and all children, -- may keep on gaily shouting: "Merry Christmas!" and a . . .



" 'Twas the night before Christmas, and all through the house . . .



To Jean Marguerite Gurney, daughter of Rena of Gas Mask -- a Merry Christmas!



Wishing Patricia Ann Jones, daughter of Virginia of Final Inspection a Merry Christmas!



To Joyce Ann Leeming, daughter of Eileen, formerly of T. Assembly-- a Merry Christmas!

As Tiny Tim Would Say . .

"A Merry Christmas to us all, my dears, God bless us." Which all the family reechoed. "God bless us every one!" said Tiny Tim the last of all.

A Christmas Carol -- Charles Dickens



To Dewey Maurice Caron, son of Art -- Brown Street and grandson of Maurice, Maintenance, Beaver Street -- a Merry Christmas!



To Bonnie Wimett, daughter of Isabella of P.A.--Merry Christmas!



To Joanne Kustra, little granddaughter of Joe Macksey of Marshall Street, we wish a Merry Christmas!



To Francis Winpenny Jr., son of Francis Sr. of Industrial Oils, Merry Christmas!

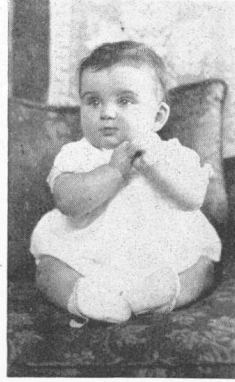


To Kathleen Jane, daughter of Jane McConnell of Resistors -- a Merry Christmas!



Answers to
Santa Says: Guess Who!

(A) Rita Zanette; (B) Nello Zanette; (C) James Wright; (D) Paul Fitzpatrick; (E) Alice Mulvaney; (F) Wilma Hill; (G) Stephanie Szurek; (H) Viola Leveque; (I) Nellie of Bath Tub Assembly.



To Patricia Ann, daughter of Andrew Girgenti of Maintenance, we wish a Merry Christmas!



Wishing Patricia Carpenter, daughter of Harry of B.T.A. and Alice of Block Annex -- a Merry Christmas!



Wishing Ralph Brown, son of Nellie of Soldering, and of Ralph of Block Test -- a Merry Christmas!



We wish Bobbie Burlingame, son of Emma of Paper Assembly a Merry Christmas!



Wishing the little son of Irene Sorel, formerly of Mica Dept. -- a Merry Christmas!



We wish Lois Ann Hinman, whose mother Florence is in Dry Test, -- a Merry Christmas!

Not a creature was stirring . . . not even a mouse" . . .

"The stockings were hung by the chimney with care . . .



To Beverly Jane Koch, daughter of Roma of Boxing, -- a Merry Christmas!



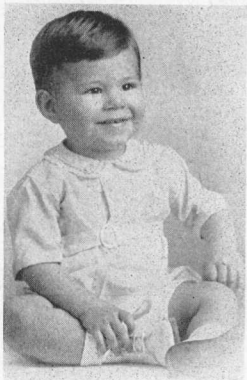
We wish Sandra Lee, daughter of Phyllis Rarick of Boxing -- a Merry Christmas!



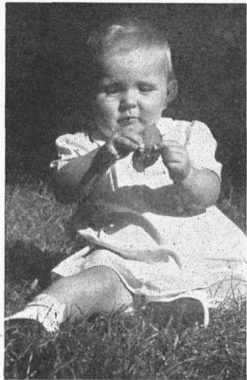
Wishing Elaine Lebert, daughter of Gerald of Planning and Equipment Dept. -- a Merry Christmas!



To little Judith Ann Brooks, whose mother is Phyllis of Paper Assembly, and whose father is in Service, we wish a Merry Christmas!



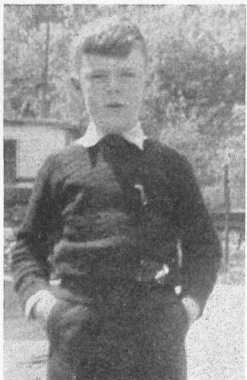
To Richard, son of Mary Wellspeak of B.T.A. -- a Merry Christmas!



Wishing Carol Ann, daughter of Earl Williams, of Machine Shop -- a Merry Christmas!



To Saundra Carlton, daughter of Angelina of Block Test and John of Dry Formation -- a Merry Christmas!



We wish Jack Carlton, his mother Angelina of Block Test, and father John of Dry Formation, a Merry Christmas!



We wish Beverly Ann, daughter of Harriet Fortin of Boxing -- a Merry Christmas!



To Ronnie, son of Philomena Smachetti of Vit. Q -- a Merry Christmas!



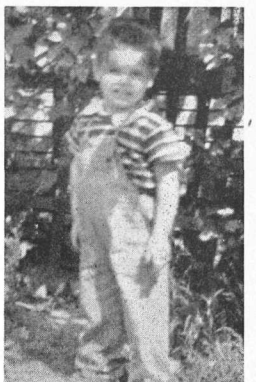
To Kathleen Ann Desnoyers, daughter of Ann T. of Block Test -- a Merry Christmas!



To Richard L. Lewis, grandson of Helen Jordan of Mica -- a Merry Christmas!



To Miss June Dupont, daughter of Almaud of Mica and Telesphore of Maintenance, we wish a Merry Christmas!



To Jimmie, son of Viola Bostwick of Mica -- a Merry Christmas!

*"Away in a manger, no crib for a bed
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head;
The stars in the sky looked down where He lay,
The little Lord Jesus -- asleep on the hay."*

—A Christmas Carol for Children

In hopes that Saint Nicholas soon would be there" . . .



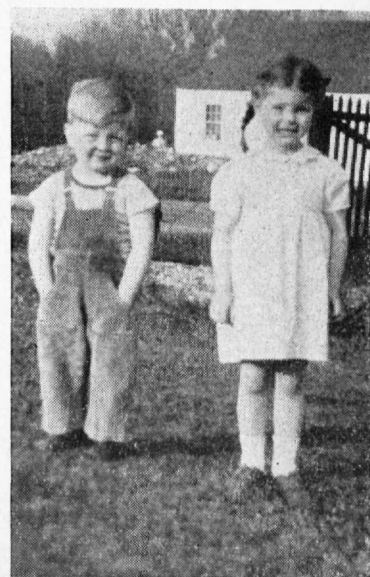
Merry Christmas



To Billy and Mary Ann Dingus, whose mother Lillian was formerly employed in Block Test -- a Merry Christmas!



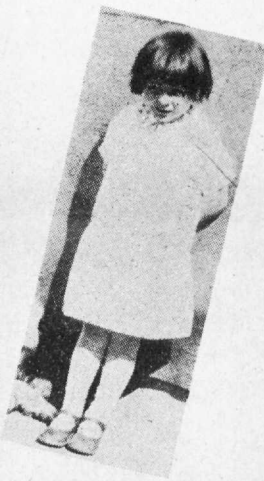
Yes, Merry Christmas to ALL - - for all of us are children at heart! Today, more than ever, let us strive to keep alive those traditions of the centuries . . . of Peace on Earth, and Good Will Toward Men!



To Nancy and David Knox, a Merry Christmas! Their daddy is Jimmy of Shipping.



To Paul (left) and Dickie (right), sons of Mrs. Yvonne Ross of KVA, a Merry Christmas!



Santa Says: Guess Who!

These Sprague workers were children at a previous Christmas; Top row: B-Boxing, C-Ovens, E-Western Electric, A-Retail Sales. Lower row: F-Another Western Electric worker, I-Bathtub Assembly, H-Paper Assembly, D-Now in service, formerly Section Pickup Dept., and G- is in Paper Assembly.



Wishing Scout Michael Melchiori son of Dominica of KVA -- a Merry Christmas!



To Every Sprague Worker In Service ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

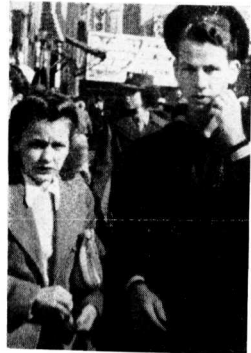
Merry Christmas

and a VICTORIOUS New Year!

Block Test Remembers Fellow Workers Now In Service

"We hope they have a very Merry Christmas!" is the sincere thought of every member of the Block Test Department, who sent Christmas gifts to those members of their Department who are now in the Armed Forces. The Block Test sent presents to: Pfc. Dominic Esposito, Pfc. Roger Vincelle, Cpl. Henry LaBonte, Pvt. Norbert Miller, Pvt. Wm. Beliveau, Seaman James Millis, Seaman Vincent Bartholdi, Pvt. Casimer Gliwski and Pvt. Stanley Mastalis.

The Committee which made arrangements for the gifts were: Helen Bradshaw, Arlene Chalfoux, Josephine DePaoli and Barbara Bailey.



Snapped On Broadway
Seaman Eric Hannaleek, now in the Dry Rolling Dept., with his wife, Ruth—Check Inspector.

Sprague Cigarettes Appreciated

Army Service Forces
Seattle, 4, Washington
7 December 1943

Miss Etta E. Owen, R.N.
c-o Sprague Specialties Co.
North Adams, Mass.

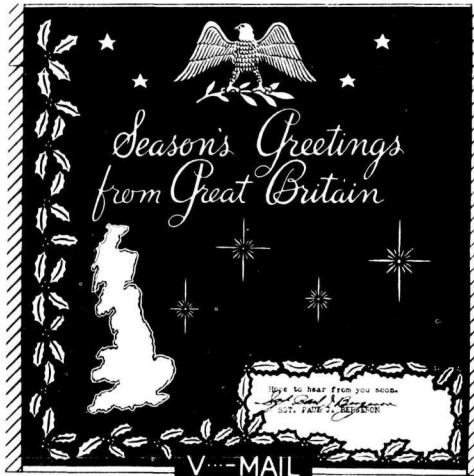
Dear Miss Owen,
Please convey the sincere appreciation of the Commanding General, Seattle Port of Embarkation and the military personnel who will receive the cigarettes, to the members of your organization who are responsible for the gift of Camel cigarettes made to these soldiers.

We also wish to extend the thanks of this section and the Special Service Officer, O.S.D., for the donation and assure you we will do everything possible to carry out your wishes in sending the cigarettes where you have specified. We know that they will be very much appreciated and will be invaluable in contributing toward a more pleasant experience for our men overseas.

Very sincerely yours,
O. Dworetz
2nd Lt., Q.M.C.
Asst. Sp. Serv.
Officer, O.S.D.

Jo Ross, Petty Officer 3-c of U. S. Navy, is home on furlough. Rosi formerly worked in Electric and Chemical Control Department.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you all as we publish the Christmas issue of the Sprague 'Victory' Log. May Providence watch over each and every one of you in the service of your country,—give you the courage and strength to carry bravely and honorably on,—and bring you safe home again to your home up here in the heart of the Northern Berkshires!



GREETINGS FROM OVERSEAS

Sgt. Paul J. Bergeron sends V-mail Christmas Card to the Workers of Sprague Specialties Company.

Fran Crosier's Husband Gets Citation For Meritorious Conduct Under Fire

The many friends of Red Crosier, and his wife, Fran of Red Payroll are happy to learn of the citation awarded him for outstanding service aboard his warship, the Buchanan. The citation reads:

The Commanding Officer takes pleasure in commending Raymond James Crosier, Watertender First Class, United States Naval Reserve for service as set forth in the following commendation:

"For outstanding performance of duty as a member of the Engineer's Force of the United States Ship Buchanan from the date of commissioning, 21 March, 1942, to 15 September, 1943. Operating continuously in a combat area, under difficult and hazardous conditions, the Buchanan successfully engaged the enemy on seven occasions and steamed over one hundred thousand miles without a breakdown of the engineering plant. Crosier's conduct under fire was most creditable on each occasion of action, and his high sense of responsibility aided very greatly in maintaining Buchanan's high standards of engineering efficiency and reliability."

Floyd B. T. Myhre,
Lieutenant Commander, U. S. Navy,
Commanding U. S. S. Buchanan.

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BE SURE TO REPORT ANY CHANGE OF ADDRESS IF YOU WANT TO BE SURE OF GETTING YOUR 'LOG'!

Seaman Earl Russell Enjoys Radio Program and Victory Log

December 8, 1943

I want to tell you how much I enjoyed being on the Radio program and also to thank you for the lovely gift. I was a bit nervous at first, but everyone being so kind and friendly, I really didn't mind at all. I received the Log regularly and when I read it, it seems almost as tho' I were back in the Plant again, just like I used to be. I'll be dropping in again sometime to say "hello"—so until then, thanks so much.

I am sincerely yours,

Earl H. Russell

U. S. Navy



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS TO SPRAGUE SPECIALTIES CO. and all our friends, from:

Pvt. Clifford Domenichini,
Shreveport, La.
Pvt. Charles Veazie and Ruth,
Madison, Wisc.
Cpl. Calvin Aubertine,
Camp Butner, N-C
Pfc. Roger Garner,
Camp Edwards, Mass.
Pvt. "Mike" Gentile,
Camp Ellis, Ill.



Storekeeper 2-c Pasquale J. DiTursi. His wife, Eleanor works in the Mica Department.

Machine Shop Sends Greetings

To the Sprague Employees in the Armed Forces, the Machine Shop boys wish you all, the Season's Greetings!



Season's Greetings from a Paratrooper



Dropping down to say..

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from

Paratrooper Bill Lesure



Bill Arnold Says Sprague Products Giving 100% Service on the Fighting Front

United States Pacific Fleet
Carrier Aircraft Serv. Unit
December 9, 1943

Dear Folks:

Would greatly appreciate your advising the Log editor of my change of address so I won't miss out on the local gossip and news of the Plant. It is still Lieut-Commr. but the new location is c-o Casu No. 1, Fleet Post Office, San Francisco, Cal.

I am now in a position where I can see a great deal of Sprague material in the work turned out by our old friends and customers. The boys here, tell me it's just 100%, so you can be proud of the quality as well as the quantity of work you are delivering to the Navy. My job here as skipper is a very interesting one and I feel we are an important link in present operations. Have seen a great many Boston and Pittsfield boys, but so far, none from North Adams or Williamstown.

Best regards,
Bill Arnold

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A SPRAGUE WORKER

How fine it is each night to say, I was a "Sprague Worker" today—I'll do my best, in every way, To end this strife, without delay,—The Sprague Way!

Nellie McCutcheon,
Mica Finishing

Keep up the good work in safety—it means Merry Christmas and Happy New Year for 1944.

Art Matheus



BACK THE ATTACK with WAR BONDS!

BROWN STREET "BRIEFS"

Mrs. William Sharron has left to visit her husband at Macon, Ga. Mrs. Sharron works in Networks.

Who is Lana Turner of the Resistor Department? Could it be R. C.?

Doretta Brookman left December 18th to join her husband stationed in N. Carolina. Best wishes, Dorret, from the girls.

We are all anxious to know where Ida of Networks got her reducing diet. Ida is only a shadow of her former self. It's will power, Ida—and you've got it!



Champion Margaret Mancuso -- Brown Street Payroll Bowler with the Northern Berkshire Girls League -- a championship team, winning several prizes . . . Peg's Department are all behind her, and urge her to keep up her excellent bowling.

Surprise Party

by Betty Bourdon

A surprise party was held for Johanna Kayser at her home in Williamstown in honor of her birthday. Twenty co-workers of Johanna's, in the networks Department were present. A delicious covered dish supper was served, after which games were played and a fine time was had by all. Now—we're all buzzing about the Christmas party to be held at the Gigliotti's!

Beaver Street Bits

Birthday greetings to Mrs. Mary Maruco and Mrs. Rose Ferrara of Bathtub Assembly. Their birthdays occurred December 6th.

Julia Ziter of Bathtub Assembly spent a week end in Springfield.

Mrs. Laura Cross has left her Department, to join her husband stationed at Camp Campbell, Ky.

Miss Olive Blake spent the week end in Worcester, Mass.

Mrs. Mary Unis spent the week end in New Paltz, N. Y.

Edward Messier of Block Test spent a week end in Boston.

Mrs. Elizabeth Kenney is welcomed to Block Test by her co-workers.

Mrs. Ruth Arrighini of Block Test spent a week in Boston with her husband who is in the Navy.

As we go to press, we learn that Miss Dorothy Dean, 20, of Dry Test, who has been on a leave of absence from her department, died early December 22, 1943. The Log extends its sympathy.

Dry Test News

by Vi Short

The wedding of Miss Gertrude Durocher of Dry Test, to Lawrence Glenn has been postponed until January 3rd, 1944. Lawrence has been given an honorable discharge from the Navy after being wounded in the Solomon Islands.

Kathleen James returned to work after a visit with her husband in California.

Ann Pessolano and Claire Sherry attended the Drury-Adams game.

Ann Burgess spent a few days with her husband Edward, who is now stationed in the Army at Illinois.

Gertrude Durocher was guest of honor at a shower given her by her co-workers in Dry Test. The occasion is her coming marriage to Lawrence Glenn. Gertrude was presented with a necklace of pearls.

Seaman Earl Russell, home on furlough was a visitor at the Dry Test Department where his mother Thelma works. Thelma was the recipient of many lovely and unusual gifts brought from Africa.

Ann Pessolano talks of a certain glamor boy in the Shipping Department, Sinatra to her, but George to the rest of us!

John Pierce *hopes* to get a deer next week on his hunting trip. We may have venison yet, folks!

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Boxing and Dry Rolling News

by Mamie Farinon

Arthur Mollcur of Dry Rolling is always raving about his wife's chocolate cake. We can be the judge, since he promised to bring a cake for our Christmas party.

Most embarrassing moment for Margaret Harrington of Dry Test — when she left her socks at the shoe store in Pittsfield! Margaret, after trying on shoes and making her final purchase, started to walk out of the store. A customer called after her: "Hi, there — you have forgotten your sock!" Sure enough, Margaret had forgotten to put one sock back on.

"Stan Gliwski of the Dry's is a member of the draft quota of December 16th, and will take up his duty in the Navy. "Best wishes to you, Stan, from the Dry Rolling Department.

Don't let them kid you Mabel, about the bows in your hair. The Boxing Line think your bows are cute!

Joe and Adam, the hunters from the Dry Rolling Department were unsuccessful in bagging a deer this season. Better luck, next season!

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Machine Shop News

Dead Eye LaPlante of the Machine shop missed a rabbit by 25 feet. He is also known as a great deer hunter—shooting bark off trees!

Recent visitors to the Machine Shop were Seaman John Mahoney and Seaman Grant Hamilton. Come as often as you can, boys!

The Machine Shop crowd is noted as being the "crack shots" of the Plant—but they were not so lucky this year. Such hunters as George Scarbo, Andy Gigliotti, Ray Magnoli, Eddy Dion, Wm. Mausert, Bert Peters, Frank Petri, Bud Bartlett went deer hunting as usual, but the only deer shot were by Ed Hinkell and Red LaPlante. The rest of the crowd will have to use their red stamps!

How to be a Chef in Ten Easy Lessons, — Girls! For recipe, and instructions, ask Schuyler Dean of the Machine Shop!

How are you enjoying that 6 inch scale Hank, Lack Lack.

Payroll Department

by Priscilla Windover

Josephine Girgenti doesn't greet one with "Hi" or "How are you?"—but—"Let's go to the Hub Friday for pineapple cream pie!" This starts on Monday and continues all week.

Our candidate for champion candy-popcorn-peanut-and-ice cream-eater of the office — Anne Kelly.

Those Gremlins that get in the Log, got in again last issue and made Roy out of Ray — meaning Raymond Crosier, WT 1-c U.S.N.R.

Mildred Waterhouse spent last week end at White Plains, N. Y.

One thing about this cold weather—it puts an end to arguments about whether to open the windows or not.

We think we have solved the heat situation, though. We are going to get enough coal to burn in that pipe of Art Bell's and heat the entire office!

Ruth, and Pvt. Northway Abbott stationed in South Carolina, paid a fleeting visit home last Thursday.

MARSHALL STREET "Memos"

Miss Dorothy Short of the Training Center combines patriotism with pleasure — She used her three vacation days to do her Christmas shopping.

Correction: Miss Bertha Southgate DID miss the beauty contest because of an extracted tooth.

Rita Siciliano, our reporter of the Training Center says: no canned music for the Marshall Street crowd — they have the living thing: Larry Madison. But how about a speaking system for Marshall? As it is, you should hear our telephone operator, Julie Keating YELL for Brownie down the stairway — it's like a Texan cowgirl call.

Several members of the North Adams Fire and Police Departments have taken part-time jobs at Marshall Street. Fine! It is such cooperation as this which speeds up production and hastens the end of the war.

That sparkle in Lena Beaton's eyes recently is due to a visit from her son, furloughed home from the U. S. Navy. Lena hadn't seen him for over a year.

Rush Haskins turns in these puzzlers: Can you Guess? WHO is champion whistler of the Gas Mask Assembly line. He is a member of the Massachusetts State Guard — WHO on the final assembly line makes that delicious creamy fudge, liked especially by the office crowd — WHO (of the so-called "stronger" sex), says all day long "On the Ball, On the Ball." WHOSE ears always perk up whenever an eligible farmer is mentioned?

And there is a *second* Frank Sinatra at Marshall Street—the girls go crazy about his singing—Donald Fortini.

Cecil Dupuis of Final Inspection is journeying to Miami, Florida to join her husband, Pvt. Lawrence Dupuis.

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Canister Xmas Party

by W. Sheldon

Fifty members of the Canister Line and Shipping Department enjoyed a buffet lunch recently. The table was decorated in Christmas style, with a huge cake as the center of attraction presented by William Sheldon. Following the lunch, gifts were presented to all, among them being a bond for the Boss, whom the gang say is "tops." Arrangements for the party were made under the able supervision of Thelma, Ann and Alta.

Keep up the good work in safety - It's your assurance of Merry Christmas and a Happy 1944.

Art Matheus



- - And Just Between Us Gals !

Don't look now—but isn't that Rita with a new hair do!...and a new dress, too!...And just see this old thing I'm wearing....I've had it for two whole months now....What did you hear from Bob at Christmas....Oh, you don't mean it — isn't that wonderful!...Real mink, you say — gosh, but I'm envious — though I think she will look stunning in it....Did you hear that Hank Koloc of the Machine Shop spent his vacation slaughtering pigs and making sausage....What do you know about that!...Yes, that's a new way to spend a vacation....not any worse than dashing through all the stores, trying to buy Christmas presents on your vacation — that's what I call *work!*....Did you know that on Bill Brundige's birthday, his son and daughter-in-law presented him with a real LIVE birthday gift....No! guess again — a little granddaughter!....and did you know that Margaret Williams is back again after having a *terrible* toothache! You thought we wouldn't put it in, eh? Well, that's what you told us!...and here is a \$60 question—they want to know about it down at Marshall Street — WHAT became of the Gas Mask Department's pencil sharpener? Everybody down there wants to know the answer to that one....And WHO is that M. T. NOGGIN that is writing about gum chewing in this issue — as if he knew all about it!

Saucy Sue

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A son, December 16th to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Sarkis. Mrs. Sarkis is Martha, of Paper Assembly Annex.

A daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Brundige. The mother, Isabelle was formerly in the office—Beaver, and Bill is in Maintenance.



Almost Walked Home

Joe DeGrenier of Dry Rolling almost walked home from a train ride recently. When Joe returned from a week end in Albany, he was seated in a rear coach. The train pulled up at the North Adams station, but since that rear car was pretty far back, Joe thought the train would pull up a little nearer so he could get out without too much walking. The engineer thought differently, and started on. Joe made a fuss, hailed the conductor and explained the situation. The conductor told Joe to calm down and everything would be all right. —And the train rolled on! However, on reaching the other side of the tunnel, there was an electric car waiting to take Joe back to North Adams. "Never again!" says Joe

Christmas 1943

Under the sky of darkness, a witness of battle and pain,

An American soldier stood guard o'er the battle-scarred plain,

He shifted the gun on his shoulder, a tear gleamed in his eye

As he smiled to his only companions, the twinkling stars in the sky.

He scanned the snowy landscape, and the trees so tall and bare,

He felt the spirit of Christmas in the frosty winter air,

Away from home and friends, and those he held most dear,

Visions of beloved faces filled his heart with cheer.

The silent twinkling stars with their radiant, holy light,

Were lighting in the darkness, a path of truth and right.

He gazed on the shattered village nestled in the valley below

And thought of that other village, two thousand years ago....

Now, here on a self-same mission, driving evil from the world,

To bring a glorious victory to our stars and stripes unfurled —

The symbol of a nation that has thrived in liberty,

Which he would gladly die for, if so the need would be.

All night he paced the ground by shining stars made bright

'Til dawn crept through on tip-toe—a postlude to the night.

'Tis Christmas! And freedom-loving people wherever they be

Shall gain new hope—and peace! and love! and liberty!

Margaret Brousseau, Engineering



Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Partenope. Mrs. Partenope is the former Frances DiTursi of Industrial Oils. Married September 18. Mr. Partenope is not employed here.

A Preview Christmas Party

Miss Mamie Farinon was the guest of honor at a preview (or whatever you like) Christmas party recently, given by the girls of her department. It was a surprise party, anyway. When she came back from lunch, there was her machine gayly decorated in ribbons and such. Mamie received among other things: one cough drop, left-over potato chips, one stick of gum, five pennies, one piece of cherry candy and one dill pickle!

Here on the HOME FRONT our ENEMIES are ACCIDENTS and WASTE

